

DRAFT MACPRO Minutes

Date: Friday, November 9, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Lincoln Brick Park - Eaton County Parks

Attending: Jerry Jaloszynski, Mark Brochu, Dan Patton, Ken Elwert, Dan Stencil, Roger Sabine, Dave Basch

Agenda items:

Approval of the July 19, 2007 meeting minutes - Motion made by Jaloszynski, seconded by Brochu. Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report - \$9,036.78 balance.

- o Elwert will follow-up with Scholtz about getting his signature on the bank account
- o MACPRO is currently a subcommittee of the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials (NACPRO) and we use their federal ID number for bank account purposes. Discussion ensued and it was decided that this is an acceptable organization structure.

Legislative Update

- o Dan Stencil committed to writing a letter on behalf of MACPRO to ask the MNRTF to adopt a new policy allowing local units of government that receive trust fund grants the right to name properties after individuals. (motion made and passed on 7-19-07)
- o Motion made by Brochu, seconded by Sabine to recommend Ralph Richards for a MNRTF opening if Ralph is willing. Motion passed unanimously. Stencil will follow-up.
- o Motion made by Brochu, seconded by Jaloszynski to communicate continued support to the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance (MTGA), however to also express that to be considered, further requests for support for Trail Days or other events should be presented in person at a MACPRO meeting prior to the event. Motion passed unanimously. Stencil will **write** the letter.

MACPRO Survey

- o Elwert expressed the inability to get the survey done due to time constraints and asked Sabine to take over. Discussion ensued about the possibility of a web survey and the purpose of the survey as a benefit for MACPRO members only.
- o Motion made by Brochu, seconded by Patton to spend up to \$250 for a survey to be conducted on a regular basis (every 3rd year?) on survey website Web Monkey. Motion passed unanimously.

MACPRO Website

- o Elwert recommended that we post seasonal as well as full-time jobs
- o A members only section will be developed that will contain survey results and other documents helpful to county members
- o Motion made by Jaloszynski, seconded by Stencil to pay \$100 to Michigan Technology Helper's LLC for yearly website work, in addition to the \$84 paid for web hosting and domain name. **Motion passed unanimously.**

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- o Much discussion ensued about MACPRO scholarship opportunities and more clearly communicating the availability to members.
- o Motion by Stencil, seconded by Elwert to make the following scholarships available to MACPRO members on an annual basis.
 - Special Parks Forum: Full registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee
 - NRPA Congress: Full registration fee paid – Only available to first time attendee

- NRPA Legislative Forum – three scholarships available
 1. 50% of expenses up to \$300 – two available
 2. 50% of expenses for MACPRO member and interested local politician – up to a total of \$600

Motion passed unanimously.

- Elwert will communicate information about scholarships and put information on the website.

MAC Conference Presentation – Frankenmuth, August 17 -19

- Stencil volunteers to be a presenter and Brochu volunteered to organize the session, including topic and registration.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jaloszynski volunteered to put together a draft mission statement and get it to Elwert for an email vote.
- Unemployment costs for seasonal employees was discussed in much detail. It was thought to pursue some type of legislative change for an exemption of certain types of seasonal workers. It is thought that bringing in the Tourism industry and having discussions with the Small Business Association we may be able to get something moving (although most agree this is an uphill battle). Elwert will start by requesting unemployment costs from Parks and Recreation agencies.

Next Meeting Date Tuesday, January 22, 7 – 8 :30 p.m. – MRPA Conference & Trade Show, Grand Traverse Resort

Adjournment at 12:23 p.m. followed by an excellent Wild Game lunch potluck